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TITLE: COORDINATION SYSTEM )  
COMPLETION OF PCT/AT97/00209 filed 24 September 1997 )

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed herewith under 35 USC 371.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 as filed and substitute new claims 10-18 as follows:

--10. (New) A system for the coordination of distributed programs, services and data by using application programs in a network of computers where coordination servers (CoKe) are running which serve local software systems (LSYS), where shared objects are used as communication objects to exchange messages and transactions are used to realized communication, said communication objects being uniquely identified by object identification numbers (OID), and only processes pocessing a reference to a communication object are granted access to it via the corresponding local coordination server, with the local software systems being at least extended by functions for the control of transactions, for the creation, reading and writing of communication objects, and for the creation and supervision of uniquely identified processes, and with the communication objects being administrated by means of replication strategies, wherein

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